

Dear Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to express my 100% OPPOSITION to H.B. 6355, An Act Concerning Risk Protection Orders and Warrants. I have significant concerns that this bill will unfairly and unjustly remove firearms from law abiding citizens without adequate proof. These risk protection orders are based on perceptions by family members (including ex's), neighbors, co-workers, etc. Essentially firearms would be removed based on hearsay without a complete investigation prior to the confiscation of the firearms. In addition, it brings to light potential privacy breaches with public knowledge of personal health information which is a violation of HIPPA. Law abiding citizens may fear seeking medical attention for mental health issues as anxiety or depression for fear of having their firearms removed. Finally, this bill is cost prohibitive to low-income citizens. The burden of proof rests on them to submit a petition to the courts for return of their firearms. Court fees can cost thousands of dollars which low-income citizens cannot afford. Unlawfully confiscating one's firearms and/or means of self-defense infringes upon one's second amendment rights and must not be compromised. Passage of this bill would most certainly be unconstitutional and against the individual rights of good citizens.

Respectfully,
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